

TRILLEY GRAB TIGHTER THAN EVER RAILROAD TRUST'S GRIP ON POSITION

ENORMOUS LATEST LINE IS APPARENT

Complete Monopoly of Territory of Southern New England Is Effected.

Boston and southern New England are at the mercy of that southern corporation, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. Through the annexing of \$100,000,000 under one head, the President Securities Company, the great ways, the trackage lines, the great best lines are all the property of one gigantic concern now, and there is not a person living in the territory of the New Haven road who does not pay tribute to the transportation trust. Every necessary of life, every luxury, everything sold by the people of Boston or southern New England, is taxed to make this unique profitable to its stockholders.

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Rules on Land and Water.
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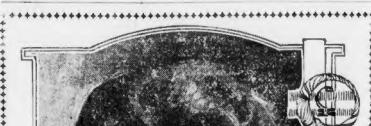
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Malone Threatens to Cancel Lease of Boston & Albany
Cancellation of the lease under which the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company operates the Boston & Albany line is threatened by Attorney General Malone and leading members of the Legislature. It is said that with the expiration of a very short period of the State law department will soon take the same drastic step as was made months ago to prevent the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company from taking up all the trackage lines from the Boston & Albany line.

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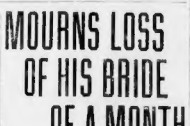
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IMPORTANT NEWS

Revised Hourly for Busy Readers.

FOREIGN.
VESEVIVUS STILL RAINS ASHES.
NAPLES, Dec. 22.—The Vesuvius, which has been quiet for some time, has begun to erupt again. The rain of ashes still continues.

HOBOKEN TROOPS NERF TANGIER.
YANKEE, Dec. 22.—The American war steamer, the USS Albatross, has been ordered to leave Hoboken for the coast of Africa.

FLORENCE PALACE BRINGS \$1,000,000.
FLORENCE, Dec. 22.—The Grand Palace, which has been the subject of much discussion, has been sold for \$1,000,000.

LABOR.
ADAMS MILLS RAISE PAY.
ADAMS, Dec. 22.—The Adams Manufacturing Company has announced that it will raise the wages of its employees.

FIREMEN GET MORE PAY.
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The firemen employed by the Long Island railroad have secured a 10 per cent increase in pay.

CARPET CO. ADJUSTS WAGES.
LOWELL, Dec. 22.—The Carpet Company has announced that it will adjust the wages of its employees.

DEATHS.
COLLEGE PRINCIPAL.
MILWAUKEE, Dec. 22.—The principal of the University of Wisconsin, has died.

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Brains and Skill and Taste Have Consigned Holiday Trash to the Dark Ages.

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KEY YORK, Dec. 12.—Mrs. James Lear, widow of the late "Big Boy" Lear, who was killed in the crash of the *USS Maine*, has been awarded a pension of \$120,000, the smallest figure in a class of \$150,000. Mrs. Lear is the widow of James F. Kearns, who was killed in the crash of the *USS Maine*. She is a widow of 12 years, and has a son, James F. Kearns, who is a member of the United States army. She is a widow of 12 years, and has a son, James F. Kearns, who is a member of the United States army. She is a widow of 12 years, and has a son, James F. Kearns, who is a member of the United States army.

Special to the Boston American.
NORTH GRAFTON, Dec. 22.—Although refused a search warrant to recover his daughter, Bessie, Albert D. Adams stoutly maintains that he will return her to the paternal roof "if he has to smoot every obstacle in his path."
Bessie, a pretty brunette, left home last Sunday. She was in love. Her aged father objected to her marrying until she was eighteen, and she still lacks a few months of that age. And now comes a story that the girl went to Worcester and was married by a colored preacher.
Mr. Adams will not believe it, and maintains that his daughter is being kept away from him by a vile plot.

Groping Through Smoke on
Hands and Knees, She
Nearly Suffocates.

door to escape the smoke she dropped to her knees and made her way to the closet. She gave an alarm, but when the firemen arrived she had the blaze under control, and a few dashes from the hand chemicals finished the work.

ENGINE WRECK STOPS TRAFFIC

Two hours with the wrecker and its work. Nobody is injured.

Four trains bound in the direction of Portland and Bangor were among those detained.

LETTER AGAINST THE BIENNIALS

Anxious that the entire State may know
 of organized labor's decided stand against
 biennial elections in Massachusetts, the
 executive board of the Central Labor
 Union of Boston is about to send out copies
 of a letter decided upon at last night's
 meeting.

The letter is to go to every board of
 trade in the Commonwealth and to local
 unions everywhere. In plain terms, it
 states labor's reasons for opposing any
 change from the present system of State
 elections.

FLORENCE WALKER

EDWARD BRIDGES

Dear Father - I hope you have been looking for a letter from me and glad to hear from me again. I am well & feeling better.

FACSIMILE OF ENGLISH LETTER TO HIS FATHER

**Son's Last Letter Spoke of Love for
Girl and Teemed with Hope
for the Future.**

• Sitting beside the casket containing the last mortal remains of Edward J. Bridges, the man she was to have wed on Christmas Day, pretty Florence Walker of No. 395 South Fifth street, Brooklyn, shares her grief with his father, Edward H. Bridges of No. 119 Washington street, Dorchester.

Young Bridges was twenty-three years of age. For ten years, since his mother died, he had lived away from home, traveling

In Brooklyn he found steady employment. There also he met the little woman whom he chose to share his joys and sorrows. The happy days of their brief courtship had ended with his death from typhoid fever, contracted two weeks ago.

DEAD BOY'S SWEETHEART AND LAST LETTER

Immediately sent a request to have the remains forwarded to Boston for burial. "The fact that the last letter received from my son had seemed with hope of burying her sweetheart in a plot she had purchased with her savings in Mount Auburn," she said, "was a great comfort and I did not bear to think of her left being buried so far away that she could not visit his grave and water it with her tears. I was mourning."

Report of George W. Anderson, Esq., of Boston, Made for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Feeling certain that the competitive telephone conditions in the Middle West were such that no real and permanent benefit was accruing to the public or to investors, and being desirous of placing before the public the actual facts as seen by a non-partisan observer, the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company requested Mr. George W. Anderson, one of the leading members of the Boston bar, to investigate those conditions in his own way, and to report the facts as he found them, together with his conclusions and opinions.

From his study and his experience in these matters the Company felt that Mr. Anderson was exceptionally well qualified to examine into competitive telephone conditions, and to report the facts, their relation to the public interests, and their bearing upon the situation in other parts of the country.

The summary of Mr. Anderson's conclusions, as stated in the report submitted, appears below. Copies of the report in full may be obtained by addressing the Company, No. 101 Milk street, room 800, or by calling Main No. 6504.

The conclusions, of interest to New England cities and to prospective investors in securities of independent telephone companies, may be recapitulated and summarized as follows:

1. The very strongest claim that can be made in favor of competition is that it has caused a development of telephony, much more rapid and extensive than would have taken place under monopoly. That such development has taken place, in certain parts of the Middle West where the old Bell companies failed to furnish service reasonably adequate for the public needs and desires, is undeniable.

2. It may also be conceded to competition that it has demonstrated an ability in the public to take, use and pay for telephones, beyond what telephone managers believed possible a few years ago.

3. But this lesson taught by competition in the Middle West has been taken to heart by telephone managers in other parts of the country, and it therefore does not at all follow that further demonstration of the possible extent of the public use of the telephone needs to be made.

4. Competition, on the other hand, has resulted in dividing into disconnected camps the telephone-using public of each city in which competitive companies exist.

5. Even if competition be conceded to be an effective and economic method of extending the use and regulating the rates of other public utilities, such as gas, electric light, railroads and railways (as it is not), it is utterly inconsistent with the proper development of telephony; for telephony is *inter-connection of all the customers of the company*.

6. It follows that the number of telephone stations in any city where competition exists is no proper or real test of the extent of the service furnished. 50,000 telephones, in *two* systems, give nothing like the service to the community as a whole that 50,000 telephones, in *one* system, give.

Even if telephone competition results in rate cutting in any given community, this in the long run is no advantage to the telephone-using public. Excessively low losing rates are almost certain to be followed

by combinations and arrangements for excessively high rates. So that in the long run the public is taxed not only on the basis of capital used in furnishing telephone service, but for the capital wasted in telephone competition.

8. The competitive movement in telephony has been, mainly throughout its entire history, and is now entirely, a speculative, and not a sound business, movement. Its foundation is now found not in a public need of new or more telephone service, but in the desire of speculators to find and avail themselves of an excuse to sell to the investing

9. The common stock of practically all of these competitive companies is water, representing no cash investment whatsoever. The bonds which represent the entire cash contribution are generally sold at 80 to 87½.

10. The plants of these companies are built by construction companies, owned and operated by the same persons that promote the telephone companies. The construction company makes an additional profit of from 15% to 30%.

11. It results from this stock-watering-and-construction-company-manipulation, that the independent companies have a capitalization, per telephone, of from two to three times as great as that of the Bell companies. These independent companies are, therefore, seeking to impose upon the telephone-using public a capital charge two or three times as great as that of the Bell companies.

12. But these promoters gain their foothold largely by attacking the Bell rates as exorbitant, and promising to furnish to the telephone-using community better service at a less rate than that furnished by the Bell companies. Obviously, these representations are founded in fraud or in gross error; they cannot collect less from the public and at the same time pay more to their stockholders.

13. As practically all the telephone business of the Middle West is upon the flat rate, the economic principle that in telephony the ratio of expense increases as the number of subscribers increases, is fully operative. This makes a bad situation very much worse. Competing telephone companies are in the desperate situation of having to push for new business in order to keep it away from their rivals, although each additional subscriber obtained causes an increasing loss to the company obtaining him. In other public service corporations losing rates tend to become sufficient; in telephony losing rates tend to become worse as

14. One of the methods by which the movement has been kept alive and new capital obtained has been by charging nothing to depreciation; whereas, as was clearly shown in the Indianapolis case, the best telephone plants depreciate on an average of at least 5% each year. There is also adequate ground to believe that many, if not most, of the independent companies are really charging a part of operating expense to capital account. The financial condition and nearfall failure of the

15. The competitive movement in the Middle West has now reached the stage of combination—the holding company, generally a short “long distance” company—is the favorite present form of organ-

16. But these holding companies are, on analysis, doing little more than issuing new bonds and stocks on the faith of the alleged earning

capacity of constituent companies, most of which are losing and not making money. They are as unsound as Mrs. Howe's bank. The large losses made in Cleveland by investors in Federal Telephone stock is symptomatic of the general conditions.

17. The concealment of the real facts as to the condition of these companies is made more easy by the device of selling negotiable voting trust certificates, thus leaving the voting power, with its consequent control of the Board of Directors and bookkeeping of the company, in the hands of the persons who are engaged in the speculative manipulations. Given a "good" auditor, almost any telephone company can make a show of earnings for a few years. With the voting-trust-certificate device, the selection of the auditor is left entirely in the hands of the persons who are making money out of the speculative manipulations, based upon bookkeeping, misleading if not absolutely fraudulent.

18. The independent companies in Ohio have been guilty of gross breach of public faith in raising their rates, contrary to the express stipulations of their franchises, on the faith of which the cities have permitted them to go under and over their streets. This breach of faith has aroused a just antagonism in these communities which have submitted to the nuisance and expense of competitive telephone service

19. Whatever may be said as to the effect of competition six or eight years ago in educating the public into an increased use of the telephone, and showing the Bell companies, in a clearer light, the capabilities of their industry and the function of a public service corporation, it may be safely concluded that the competitive movement as it is today, and as it would be if inaugurated in New England, is utterly unsound, unwholesome, uneconomic, certain to result in the near future in great loss to innocent investors, to increase the cost of service to the country as a whole, and to retard the progress of day when the whole telephone system will be owned and operated by the public.

20. Under Chapter 433 of the Acts of 1906 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has already asserted, with the assent of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, its authority to supervise telephone corporations as public-service corporations. The policy of regulating public-service corporations as monopolies, logically—and in the case of gas and electric light companies legally—involves the exclusion of competition. Whatever the reasons which caused the last Legislature to refrain from giving to the regulating commission authority to exclude competitive telephone companies, it is certain that such exclusion is a necessary logical concomitant to the theory of regulation by State commission.

22. Equally plain is the correlative duty of the New England Telephone Company to extend its service as far and as fast as it may with-

phone Company to extend its service as far and as fast as it may want—
undue financial risk; to make that service as efficient as possible; to
require at all times courteous and considerate treatment of the public,
and to render this efficient, progressive and extending service, at in-
discriminating rates, which shall conserve and make a fair return upon
the capital invested—and no more.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company

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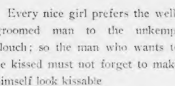
Dorothy Dix Says No Matter How Attractive a Man's Nature May Be, Women Dislike to View It Through Dirt

WHY GIRLS LIKE WELL-GROOMED MEN

BY DOROTHY DIX

What to Give That Young Man of Yours for a Xmas Present

ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN



*Last Day for Boys and Girls to
Write Letters to Santa Claus*

NO Letters Will Be Received After To-day

THE Santa Claus mail service ends today, Monday. Don't write any more letters to Santa Claus.

YESTERDAY'S PRIZE WINNER

A SHERIDAN prize of \$1 was awarded yesterday to Grade Four of the Winthrop Public School, Tremont street. The letters of the girls of the class were so pretty and so neat that the Santa Claus office awarded the prize to the entire class. The money will be used to buy an American flag for the schoolroom.

to Santa Claus, now, for the Fellow is on the point of starting on his delivery rounds. No letters will be opened after to-day. Some will be opened to-day will be opened to-day will be opened Monday, however.

Santa Claus is in receipt of the following self-explanatory letter from Miss Dorothy White of O'Fallon, fourth grade, in the Cooper school:

"I have written you many letters from pupae in her class were printed in yesterday's BOSTON

When we learned that Santa Claus liked our letters and sent us a check for the money we had sent him. We are to purchase a large American flag for our room with the money it will give us. We will be very cheerful and will prove an incentive to

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Some Bright Letters From Children

REMEMBER THE POOR
EAR SANTA CLAUS:
 In reading over the letters in the
STON AMERICAN I have seen all

do you know me, dear Santa. I am Mary
 Deanehue, and I am twelve years of age.
 I have some money saved up, and I am
 going to buy presents both for those of my
 family and for the poor people. Now, dear

years old. When I get big, I am going
 to give you something. I send you
 kisses. * * * **ARARY KETVORKIAN.**
 No. 77 Newland street, Boston.

WRINGER FOR MOTHER

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
You are very old, aren't you? You must be very kind to bring all the things I want. Please bring me a wringer, as she takes the wrinkles from my mother's face. I would like a good warm coat, for brother an extra warm one, to carry on his back. I would like some new work boots.

MARY J. E. DONAHUE,
No. 157 West street, Malden.

to quietly drop down the chimney some coal people's houses and leave a little coal in the children's stockings which will show them that they have not been forgotten by Santa. Your loving
and, GRACE BLISS, 13 years.
No. 211 Hancock street, Dorchester.

DON'T FORGET BABIES
DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I will try my best with this letter. Will you please bring grandma a silk handkerchief, grandma a pocketbook, mamma a
don't forget the orphans.
I have no grandparents. Now be just dear Santa, and come down my chimney.
Your little friend,
KATHERINE HARRINGTON.
Fall River. 11 years old.

HAS NO MAMMA
 DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
 I am going to write you a letter tell
 you what I want. I wish would like
 to have a new dress, a new hat, a new
 white sweater, jump a pair of slippers,
 brother a racing horse and whip? And
 please do not forget the new babies in
 Lynn. I wish like a baby doll and
 handkerchiefs. With love,
 EMERSON G. ORDWAY, 7 years.

heavy places to wear to work. I never
 for brother, papa a nice peektie, I
 to mother. For grandma a flannel
 towel, and for grandpa a pair of slippers,
 and for myself a pair of overshoes
 keep my feet warm.

HELLO, SANTA!

all Xmas Toys Good for Tree **Free with**

an Xmas Toys or Stocking Tree with

Some Good Gifts

If you are skilful with your needle and have a good pattern, a pretty scarf is a useful gift. Scarves, mufflers and gloves are useful and acceptable, especially the fur-lined gloves that one sees so many of nowadays.

If your friend is of a studious turn of mind his Christmas present is very

freezing, a pretty card or calendar will be quite satisfactory.

Don't spend more than you can afford to on your presents. Remember, the value of the gift that counts.

Choose your gifts wisely with a view to their being useful to the recipient and remember not to spend so much on a man as to make him feel uncomfortable and under an obligation to you.

CARPETS present problems: dirt, dust, worn shoes shabby.

Experience with varnish is that it chips. Stained and polished floors can be done in a very simple way, and the following article explains exactly how.

Before anything in the way of staining can be done a floor must be carefully prepared.

One quart of ready-mixed Bostik's covers twenty-five square yards; about one and a half pints is quite sufficient for a full room about 1000 sq. yds. in area.

A simple and effective stain is made by taking one pint of methylated spirit and adding four ounces of turpentine to it; then if water is required, add as much brown madder as will give the tone you want in two applications.

Before starting the floor examine the boards thoroughly and mark up a guide for sanding down corners; then with an old scrub and a summer hose in all the bends of the floor take out the dirt and wash the floor down.

Next give the boards a good scouring with a bath brush dipped in hot soda and water, and

Getting Ready

Where the boards do not fit quite closely insert small wedge-shaped bits of broiled brushwood with glue to fit them in. Then brush the glue over the whole surface and leave them for the night to dry, and then, next morning, smooth them up any rough places with a chisel, and finish off with glass paper.

The boards are to be carefully dusted and given a coating of linseed oil. The boards are to be dissolved five cents worth of size in a pail of boiling water. It must be applied as rapidly as possible, as it cools very quickly and sets into water. If this happens, stand the pail on the kitchen range or gas stove till the mixture becomes again. Then fill up the nail holes with putty, colored to suit, a little of the color being used.

To Make the Polish

To make this polish spread over a quantity of wax and heat it over the fire in a pan; then add the turpentine and stir the mixture to solidify quickly over the turpentine.

If the mixture seems too stiff when cold add a little turpentine and stir it well.

Apply the polish from a mixture of about the consistency of butter in hot weather.

Spread this thinly and evenly over the surface of the wax and rub it in with a brush and leave it several hours to allow the turpentine to evaporate before rubbing with a cloth.

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cially designed to preserve these delicate gems in permanent form.

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OLD-FASHIONED PANCAKES

(OR RANKERS)

ONE cup Indian or rye meal, one cup flour,
one cup sweet milk, one tablespoon
oil, one half teaspoon salt, two cups
straw of tartar, one-half teaspoon soda, or
one heaping teaspoon Indian powder.
Mix and pack in sugar cans by spooning
hot fat; that is, cook some as described.
I have made them using the Indian meal,
using lard instead of oil, and find them
just what I need.

MRS. ISABEL ALLEN.

NO. 608 WEST

cold water; over this pour nearly a pint
of boiling water; let boil a few minutes;
then add three cups of sugar, a dash of
latter, salt and flavor to taste.

MRS. C. H. TURNER
No. 159 Harrison street, Alton.

BAKED EYE PUDDING

ONE cup chopped raisins, one cup molasses,
one cup sour milk, two cups of rye meal,
one cup sugar, one egg, one cup butter,

BIRDS' NEST PUDDING

PEEL and core seven tart apples, leaving them whole. Arrange in a pudding dish and fill the space left by the removal of the cores with three-quarters of an hour. With any kind of nice sauce it is simply delicious, and no one would ever even guess it was made from rye meal. It's more like pound cake.

MRS. A. A. RUSSELL,
No. 24 Arlington street, East Somerville.

HOW TO MAKE FUR LIKE NEW

its stuffing and binding and lay as neatly as possible in a flat position. Brush it well. Next warm some new bran in a pan, and stir it actively so as to prevent it stretching, which may be managed as follows: To a pint of soft water, add three ounces of salt; dissolve. With this solution sponge the inside of the skin, taking care not to wet the fur, until it becomes thoroughly saturated; then lay it carefully

When the bran has been well warmed, rub it thoroughly into the fur with the hand. Repeat this two or three times. Shake the fur now and give it another sharp brushing until it is quite free from

the Sunday American

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AN UNSATISFACTORY GIRL but that you will not wait forever. If she loves you she will say so sooner than let

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SHE certainly should give you a definite answer one way or the other. I think the best thing to do is to demand an answer; tell her that you cannot wait any longer, that she must say yes or no, that you care for her and want to marry her.

Hearst's Boston American Pattern

GIRLS'

DRESS

No. 5426.—This attractive design was designed in white serge trimmed with marcel braid. An adult shaped bodice that extends to the waistline in front is a pretty feature, although it may be omitted if preferred. A becoming amount of fulness is allowed in the blouse, which is gathered into a ruffle at the waist.

attached to the straight gathered skirt. The
skirt is in the regular bishop style, gathered
into a narrow waistband. Serge, molair,
silk and pongee are all suitable to the mode.
The medium size will require 2½ yards of 44-

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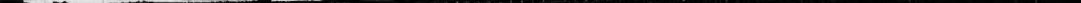
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MONOPOLY LODGE YULETIDE ENTERTAINMENT

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Perhaps It Is as Well. It Will Keep
Their Minds on HIGH PRICES

language of a modern vaudeville
can buy."

We sympathize with the Congressman who actually lives on five thousand dollars a year and tries to educate his family under present prices. There ARE such. We know of one man in Congress with a big family whose daughter was compelled to enter domestic service in the family of a friend.

But on the whole we think it best that men put in office by those whose individual income is less than ONE thousand dollars **NEVER SHOULD BE CONTENT WITH FIVE TIMES AS MUCH, AND SHOULD DEFEND FOR THEIR PROSPERITY UPON THE GENERAL PROSPERITY.**

By Prof. Frank Parsons, Ph. D.

The citizens, through their representatives, have the power to reduce the rates and to prevent the city from getting a franchise to compete with the existing utility companies, thus promising large reductions in charges.

But competition is not the right remedy for the problem of the city services—water, gas, electric light, transportation, telephone service, etc.—if it is to be successful.

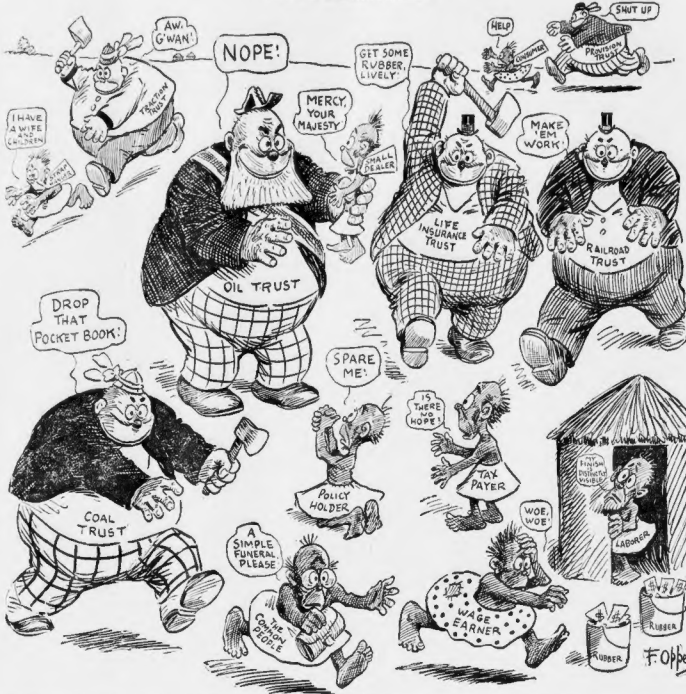
It would, perhaps by duplicating investments. You have to have two sets of pipes for water and gas and electric plants, switchboards, etc.

By William F. Kirk

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The next number is a rattling panoramic scene entitled: "Our American Congo; or, How Would You Like to Be a Native?"

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HE INTRODUCES THE CHILDREN TO HIS OLD FRIEND SANTA CLAUS

By Wex Jones

IT was bitter cold.

Jerry the Tramp sighed.

A few seconds later he shoved open the door, crossed the doorway out of the freezing blizzard, and returned.

In the zero weather he crouched there, motionless, for an hour and two minutes.

The door opened.

A stick of warm air came forth. The fragrance of roast beef and baked potatoes floated deliciously upon the air. The laughter and jollity permeated the air.

A tall young man, snug in a fur-lined overcoat, stepped out.

Behind him was a lovely girl.

The young man observed Jerry.

"Looked over my shoulder and heard that the poor outcast shoft forth upon the sidewalk."

"And the girl," she said, "why did you treat the innocent man so?"

"Innocent nothing," cried Harold.

"Did he do anything?"

"He was freezing on to your father's door-

CHRISTMAS DAY in the tropics, heighho!

No snow, no ice, no frost, no cold, nothing but warmth and hoth.

The State-of-Mainer gazed around resentfully.

"I wish I was back in Portland," he said, "frozen and sad. I'd sooner be miserable at home than happy here."

Which showed the true Christmas spirit on the part of the State-of-Mainer.

THE two little girls stood gazing into the windows of the toy store.

Their voices rang loudly on a huge, blue, cloudy sky, and the merry laughter of the season.

"Look at that," Mary, "ain't she beautiful?"

"You're taking of shoes," said Polly.

"And pin do gloves," said Mary.

"Look at those children," said a lady who was fringing her husband into the store.

"They need a dinner instead of toys," said the lady.

"But it's Christmas," said the lady.

"I'm not a corned beef," said the husband.

"I'm not a corned beef," said the lady, and into the store she went.

"I'm not a corned beef," said the lady.

"No response from the kids, who were looking at the toys.

"Would you rather have a dinner or a toy?"

"No reply, but a look of pity for such a question."

"Here's a baby for each of you."

"No reply, pressing a doll into each pair of arms."

"Quoth:"

"You're foolish," said the man.

"The little creature and the doll which will they do with Paris-dressed lady."

"But it's Christmas time," said the lady.

And here was the real Christmas

"Hard Luck" Victims Might Win Out If They Would Infuse a Little Ginger Into Their Work

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

He entered the room with a drooping and weary air, which I tried to think was due to lack of proper nutrition.

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